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--96. (New) A method for changing the physical shape of an electronic display, wherein the display comprises a front plate, a back plate, and a perimeter seal spacing apart the plates, and wherein image-generating medium is sealed in an area between the plates and within the borders of the perimeter seal, the method comprising the steps of:

cutting the display along desired dimensions resulting in a target display portion and an excess display portion, thereby breaking the perimeter seal of the display; and

applying a first seal along an exposed edge of the target display portion, the first seal creating a barrier to prevent the image-generating medium from escaping out of the area between the plates.

97. (New) The method of claim 96, further comprising:

scoring a polarizer attached to an upper surface of the front plate resulting in a target polarizer portion and an excess polarizer portion; and

removing the excess polarizer portion from the display before performing the cutting step.

98. (New) The method of claim 96, wherein the display further comprises electronic circuits for operating the display, and wherein the cutting step comprises cutting at least some of the electronic circuits.

99. (New) The method of claim 96, further comprising modifying the electronic circuits on the target display portion to retain the basic functionality of the display.

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100. (New) A method for changing the physical shape of an electronic display, wherein the display comprises a front plate, a back plate, and a perimeter seal spacing apart the plates, and wherein image-generating medium is sealed in an area between the plates and within the borders of the perimeter seal, the display further comprising electronic circuits for operating the display, the method comprising the steps:

cutting the display along desired dimensions resulting in a target display portion and an excess display portion, thereby cutting at least some of the electronic circuits; and
applying a first seal along an exposed edge of the target display portion.

101. (New) The method of claim 100, further comprising reestablishing electrical continuity for the electronic circuits that are cut.

102. (New) The method of claim 101, wherein the reestablishing electrical continuity step comprises attaching new COGS, TABS, or VLSI circuits to the display.--
